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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Damon et al.

: Before the Examiner:
: Cao, Diem K.

Serial No.: 09/675,545

: Group Art Unit: 2126

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Title: AN EFFICIENT TIMER
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 18, 2003 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 18, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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